

**Middletown Public Schools**  
**Middletown, Rhode Island**

**August 16, 2007**

**5:00 p.m. – Executive Session**

**6:00 p.m. – Regular Meeting**

**7:00 p.m. – School Committee Workshop**

**MICHAEL S. PINTO CONFERENCE ROOM**

**Members Present: Michael F. Crowley, Jr., Chairman**  
**Liana F. Fenton, Vice-Chair**  
**Edward K. Draper**

**Member Absent: Theresa M. Spengler**  
**William Coogan**

**Also Present: Rosemarie K. Kraeger, Superintendent of Schools**  
**Edward Collins, Director of Facilities**

**MOTION: 1) Liana Fenton, 2) Edward Draper. To go into Executive Session 42-46-5 (a) 1, 2,5,8,9 at 5:10 p.m. Unanimous vote.**

**The regular meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman**

**Michael Crowley. Administrative staff members present were Steven Ruscito and Linda Savastano. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.**

**Mr. Crowley announced that no votes were taken during Executive Session.**

**MOTION: 1) Liana Fenton, 2) Edward Draper. To seal the minutes of the Executive Session. Unanimous vote.**

### **SPOTLIGHT ON TEACHING AND LEARNING**

**No "Spotlight on Teaching and Learning" for August 16, 2007**

### **PROCLAMATIONS/AWARDS**

**No "Proclamations/Awards" for August 16, 2007**

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### **STUDENT ACTIVITIES**

**No "Student Activities" for August 16, 2007**

## **INFORMATION**

**Mrs. Kraeger noted items of information in the School Committee Package:**

- **Audit at RIDE for all grants done and in compliance**
- **New career tech director in Newport**
- **Mr. Kempen, Town Administrator, sent a letter of reappointment for Shawn Brown as Director of Governmental Health Group of RI and Cathy McLeish as an alternate**
- **Handouts from RIPEC group-forecasting**

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

**No "Correspondence" for August 16, 2007**

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

**1000. Approval of Minutes of July 12, 2007 School Committee Meeting**

**1010. Approval of Minutes of July 17, 2007 Special School Committee Meeting**

**1100. Approval of Invoice Register, dated July 13, 2007, in the**

**amount of \$755,138.92**

**1110. Approval of Invoice Register, dated July 19, 2007, in the amount of \$300,196.80**

**1120. Approval of Invoice Register, dated July 24, 2007, in the amount of \$123,395.67**

**1200. Approval of Special Grants Register, dated July 31, 2007, in the amount of \$16,982.53**

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION ON PERSONNEL**

### **APPOINTMENTS**

<b>Leslie Gilman</b>	<b>Lead Teacher, Aquidneck School</b>
<b>Mary Colaneri</b>	<b>Lead Teacher, Forest Avenue School</b>
<b>Deborah Kern</b>	<b>Dean of Students, Middletown High School</b>
<b>Eric Godin</b>	<b>Athletic Director</b>
<b>Donna Murphy</b>	<b>Grade Six Leader, Gaudet Middle School</b>
<b>Debra O'Bryan</b>	<b>Grade Five Leader, Gaudet Middle School</b>
<b>Denise McCarthy</b>	<b>Grade Seven Leader, Gaudet Middle School</b>
<b>Mary Nassaney</b>	<b>Grade Eight Leader, Gaudet Middle School</b>
<b>Colleen Larson</b>	<b>Director of Performance-Based</b>

## **Graduation**

**Roxie DeBlois**

**Dean of Academic Affairs**

**Laura Yentsch**

**Director of Humanities**

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**John McDevitt**

**Director of Science and Math**

**Christopher Savastano**

**Director of Fine and Applied Arts**

**Richard Ford**

**Custodian II – Second Shift**

**Benjamin Scungio**

**School Attorney**

## **JOB SHARE FOR 2007-2008 SCHOOL YEAR**

**Michelle L. Fonseca/Maureen Cicchitelli   Aquidneck School Principal**

## **MATERNITY LEAVE - ARTICLE XIV, C, OPTION #1 (NEA/Middletown)**

**Keri Brandariz**

**Grade Six Math Teacher, Gaudet**

**Middle School**

**Anticipated from September 10, 2007 to**

**January 2, 2008**

**Deanne Reilly**

**Grade Four Elementary Teacher,**

**Forest Avenue School**

**Anticipated from September 4, 2007 to**

**November 19, 2007**

**Christine Clancey  
Middle School**

**Grade Six Math Teacher, Gaudet**

**From September 5, 2007 to January 7, 2008**

## **RESIGNATIONS**

**Cheryl Wenzel  
Middle School**

**Grade Seven Science Teacher, Gaudet**

**Richard Updegrove**

**School Attorney**

**Kristin Guyette**

**COZ Coordinator**

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## **2007 FALL COACHING APPOINTMENTS**

**Luis Oliveira**

**Boys Varsity Soccer**

**Christian Leblanc**

**Boys JV Soccer**

**Catherine Silveira**

**Girls Varsity Volleyball**

**Gail Abromitis**

**Girls JV Volleyball**

<b>Marianne Curtis</b>	<b>Girls Tennis</b>
<b>John McDevitt</b>	<b>Coed Cross Country</b>
<b>Angela Santa</b>	<b>Assistant Coed Cross Country</b>
<b>Andrew Leys</b>	<b>Varsity Football</b>
<b>Steven Ponte</b>	<b>Assistant Varsity Football</b>
<b>Ryan McCormack</b>	<b>JV Football</b>
<b>Brian Dahlheimer</b>	<b>Assistant JV Football</b>
<b>Andrew Bulk</b>	<b>Freshman Football</b>
<b>Alex Fernandez</b>	<b>Assistant Freshman Football</b>
<b>Gail Abromitis</b>	<b>Trainer/Strength and Conditioning</b>
<b>Andrew Leys</b>	<b>Trainer/Strength and Conditioning</b>
<b>Sharon Thibeault</b>	<b>Cheerleading</b>
<b>Kristen Seyster</b>	<b>6/7/8 Grade Coed Cross Country</b>

**MOTION: 1) Edward Draper, 2) Liana Fenton. To approve the Consent Agenda. Unanimous vote.**

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **TRASH/RECYCLING**

**MOTION: 1) Liana Fenton, 2) Edward Draper. That the School Committee join with the Town and approve the bid submitted by Waste Management for trash service. Unanimous vote.**

## **JOB DESCRIPTIONS – 2nd Reading**

**MOTION: 1) Edward Draper, 2) Liana Fenton. That the School Committee approve the job descriptions for Director of Humanities, Director of Science and Math, Director of Fine and Applied Arts, Director of Performance Based Graduation, and Dean of Academic Affairs. (2nd Reading) Unanimous vote.**

#### **JOB DESCRIPTIONS – 1st Reading**

**MOTION: 1) Liana Fenton, 2) Edward Draper. That the School Committee approve the job descriptions for Child Opportunity Zone (COZ) Family Center Coordinator. (1st Reading) Unanimous vote.**

**Forest Avenue COZ Family Center could be relocating to John F. Kennedy School.**

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#### **TOWN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**MOTION: 1) Edward Draper, 2) Liana Fenton. That the School Committee table the school committee appointment. Unanimous vote.**

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

**No “Old Business” for August 16, 2007**



## **NEW BUSINESS**

**No “New Business” for August 16, 2007**

## **SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORTS**

- **ENROLLMENT/OPENING 07-08 SCHOOL YEAR --**
- **Enrollment update was provided**
- **Job transfer day is next week, August 22nd, for teachers who were displaced**
- **CURRICULUM –**
- **We are finalizing K-8 GLE brochures to distribute to parents and teachers**
- **We are expanding TIEnet to include PLP/curriculum/NECAP results, release tasks, and CIM tasks**
- **The ELA committee met to develop units aligned with GLE**
- **Gaudet report card meeting will be in September with Michael Mancieri, Vincent Giuliano, Maureen Cicchitelli, and Gloria Howard**

- **FINANCIAL –**

- We are working on budget numbers and will have a final budget for approval in October

- **FACILITIES –**

- Mr. Collins reported 95% of the projects are on time, 1-2 projects are delayed.

- o Oliphant parking lot has an under pavement clay. There is a new watershed ordinance. Ed Collins met with town officials and is waiting for direction –all is covered by town CIP money.

- o School department is turning over to all green products (i.e. floor finish, floor stripper, etc.) ~ when school starts all products will be green.

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- o Sidewalk paving projects are underway. Every parking lot needs to be repaired.

**MOTION: 1) Liana Fenton, 2) Edward Draper. That the School Committee receive the Superintendent's Reports. Unanimous vote.**

## **REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES**

**Mr. Draper –**

- **The Safety Advisory Committee recently met to implement “Stopping Bullying in All the Schools” program. The meeting went very well, and Mr. Giuliano agreed to formulate procedures to work with staff to develop programming and establish a policy.**

**Mr. Crowley and Lee Fenton attended the Island School Committee and Town Council meeting. RIPEC is collecting data from three communities.**

**MOTION: 1) Edward Draper, 2) Liana Fenton. That the School Committee recess from the regular school committee meeting at 6:40 p.m. Unanimous vote.**

**The School Committee workshop was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Michael Crowley. Administrative staff members present were Steven Ruscito and Linda Savastano. Members from the Facilities Advisory Committee were present.**

## **SCHOOL COMMITTEE WORKSHOP**

- The Educational Visioning & Facility Master Plan Report was reviewed by Frank Locker, Jay Litman, and Jason Boone from Fielding Nair.

Forty to fifty people were fully engaged at every meeting and attended at least nine meetings throughout the year.

Next step is to present the report to the Town Council and the full Facility Advisory Committee.

Discussion centered around how the report should be presented to the town council.

Mr. Draper suggested we organize the report in a NOW, SOON, LATER format.

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The NOW (1-3 YEARS) includes:

- SURPLUS LINDEN
- PILOT PROJECTS
  - o Gaudet Library
  - o Gaudet Music

- o Reuse old Music
- o Forest
- o HS Humanities
- o Others
- **TEACHER TRAINING**
  - o Teaching Lab (Oliphant Lower Level)
- **DUE DILIGENCE ON DRIVE-IN SITE**
  - o Soils
  - o Wetlands
  - o Community
- **GAUDET ENRICHMENT ADDITION**
  - o Auditorium
  - o Health/Fitness
- **FALL STRATEGY SESSION – FIGURE OUT OTHER PILOT PROJECTS**
  - o Planetarium/Science/Math Academy
  - o Robotic Competitions?
  - o Establish Cut Off Costs for Pilot Projects
- **PLANNING/DESIGN FOR GAUDET ENRICHMENT ADDITION & NEW HIGH SCHOOL ON DRIVE-IN**
- **COUNCIL MEETING +/-**
- **CORE COMMITTEE REUNION**
  - o September 10th at 6:30 p.m.
  - o Get input on Sooner/Later
- **GATE OFF DRIVE-IN SITE**
- **ENRICHMENT/COMMUNITY ADDITION TO GAUDET MIDDLE**

## **SCHOOL**

### **• RECREATION FIELDS @ DRIVE-IN/GAUDET SITE**

**The SOON (4-7 Years) includes:**

- DESIGN & BUILD NEW HIGH SCHOOL**
- SURPLUS OLIPHANT**

**The LATER (8-15 Years) includes:**

- RENOVATE EXISTING MIDDLE SCHOOL**
- RENOVATE EXISTING HIGH SCHOOL TO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**
- SURPLUS 3 ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS**

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**Some CONCERNS were also expressed:**

- GAUDET Drive-In SITE**
- TEACHER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**
- IMPACT OF PILOT PROJECTS**
- PLAN THE NEXT YEAR LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE**
- CAREER TECH SCHOOL & ACADEMIES**
- COMMUNITY MEETINGS**

**TOOLS FOR COUNCIL MEETING should include:**

- **FINAL REPORT COPIES**
- **TIMING/SEQUENCE FOR NOW/SOON/LATER**
- **ILLUSTRATIONS/CHARTS PLOTTED**
- **FEE CONCEPTS FOR NEXT STEPS**
- **COST PROJECTIONS FOR NOW, SOON, LATER**

**MOTION: 1) Liana Fenton, 2) Edward Draper. To adjourn from School Committee Workshop at 8:33 p.m. Unanimous vote.**

#### **ADJOURN FROM MEETING**

**MOTION: 1) Liana Fenton, 2) Edward Draper. To adjourn from School Committee Meeting at 8:34 p.m. Unanimous vote.**

**Respectfully Submitted,  
Rosemarie K. Kraeger, Clerk**